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## Spy for Russians Got Data on U.S. Intelligence

### Wennerstrom Said to Learn of Operations in the Soviet

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WASHINGTON, July 17 —

Col. Stig Wennerstrom, the Swedish official who confessed having been a paid Soviet spy, obtained vital United States intelligence information, qualified sources said today.

The information concerned United States intelligence operations in the Soviet Union, it was said.

As a consequence, the case of Wennerstrom, who is in the custody of the Swedish Government in Stockholm, has caused United States officials more concern than anything else in the recent rash of international espionage developments.

Colonel Wennerstrom, a Defense Ministry official, said when he was arrested on June 25 that he had been in the pay of the Soviet Union for 15 years.

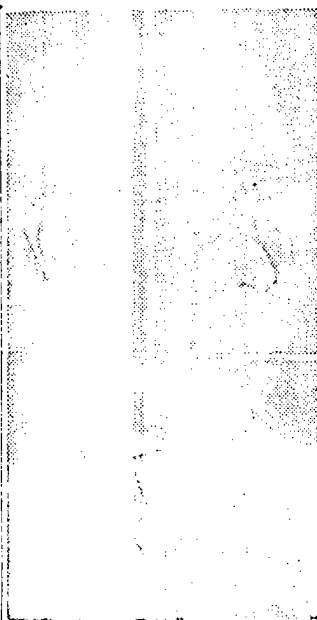
He was Sweden's assistant air attaché in Moscow in 1940 and 1941 and air attaché there in 1949. He served as air attaché in the United States from 1952 to 1957.

One of Colonel Wennerstrom's coups resulted from an indiscretion by an American military officer. This officer is understood to have told Wennerstrom what military sites in the Soviet Union were of particular interest to the United States.

The date of the loose talk by the American officer could not be ascertained. Nor could it be ascertained whether the officer was then in Washington or in Moscow.

It has caused concern to officials here, however, because it disclosed gaps in United States intelligence information. Also when passed on to Moscow by Wennerstrom it presumably alerted the Soviet counterintelligence authorities to take special precautions.

United States intelligence representatives are contributing to the Swedish Government's questioning of Wenner-



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Col. Stig Wennerstrom

strom, qualified sources here said.

His responses during interrogation are being matched with all information known here about his relations with United States and other Western officials. But it will take at least six months to clarify exactly what the United States has lost to Soviet intelligence through the Swedish officer's espionage.

Possible links between the Wennerstrom case and other spy cases are being examined, but United States sources are reticent in discussing them.

There appears also to be a mixture of embarrassment and annoyance regarding what happened a few weeks ago in advance of the latest British spy cases.

According to reports from Britain, United States officials purposely forced the recent disclosures in Britain about H. A. R. Philby, the former British diplomat now identified as a Soviet agent, and the defection of the Soviet "master spy," identified as Anatoly Dolnytsin.

One report attributed leaks to

### Leak Attributed to Loose Talk by an American Officer

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. Another named Benjamin Bradlee, Washington bureau chief of Newsweek, stressing that he was a friend of President Kennedy.

With some chagrin, qualified sources here have indicated that the source of at least one early published reference to the British spy case was John A. McCone, the head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

It appears that Mr. McCone mentioned at a dinner party in Washington one evening that a big spy case was about to break in London. A woman guest repeated the statement to a Newsweek correspondent, and the prophesy next appeared in Newsweek.

On the Dolnytsin case, qualified sources here said intelligence authorities were disturbed because the Russian had asked to live in Britain, hoping for continued seclusion, after having lived secretly in the United States for more than a year.

One of the questions that has arisen is whether the Soviet defector might now seek to return to the United States.

The sources here said they considered the disclosure of the Soviet defector's name by official sources in London to have been, at the very least, inept.

However, there appears to be no serious spat between British and United States officials. One source said any differences were more than overshadowed by the officials' mutual concern over the Wennerstrom, Philby and Penkovsky cases.

Of these three cases, according to speculation here, that of Oleg Penkovsky, the Soviet diplomat executed last May after having confessed espionage for the West at a Moscow trial, may prove to be the chief link in an intricate net involving the others.

Penkovsky is believed here to have been a "double agent," serving both his own country and United States and British intelligence.